

September 1 - Church New Year (Indiction). St. Simeon the Stylite and his mother, Ven. Martha.

FIRST ANTIPHON. PSALM 91.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to Your name, O most High.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

To show that the Lord is upright, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

SECOND ANTIPHON. PSALM 92.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, He has girded Himself.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

The world also is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON. PSALM 94

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 2 O Creator of the Universe,

You appointed times by Your own power;

bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord!

Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities://

and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Tone 7 Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God, Full of Grace,
harbor and protection of the human race:
from you the Redeemer of the world became incarnate;
you alone are Mother and Virgin, ever blessed and glorified.//
Intercede with Christ God to grant peace to the whole inhabited world.

Tone 1 You were a pillar of patient endurance,
having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One:
Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations.
You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father.//
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 4 In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,
a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence,
so you won the heights by humility,
and riches by poverty,
O Holy Father Nicholas,//
intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION

Tone 4 O Creator and Master of time and the ages,
Triune and Merciful God of all:
grant blessings for the course of this year,
and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You and cry out in fear://
“O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! / His understanding is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God. (Ps 146/147:1)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2:1-7) Timothy, my son, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Praise is due to You, O God, in Sion, and prayers shall be lifted up to You in Jerusalem. (Ps 64/65:1)

v: Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord! (Ps 64/65:11)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (4:16-22)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Ps 64/65:11)